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- 1) NSC Executive will meet twice a day.  
6:00 p.m. today.
- 2) Assuming a 3:00 OAS Resolution, President will  
proclaim 4:00 p.m. blockade. Cover dawn tomorrow.  
Ship KIMOUSK carefully picked as "right one".
- 3) Press and Congressional information: Subcommittee  
of Bob Kennedy, McCone, Vice President, Ambassador  
Thompson, and Salinger.
- 4) Analysis of effect of full blockade, economic and  
political, and of same except food and medicine -  
on Cuba and separately on Berlin. Two studies.  
Action: CIA Department Action: ARA and  
EUR respectively
- 5) NSC Subcommittee on Berlin Contingency Working Group.  
Nitze - Chairman - State Action: Hillenbrand
- 6) Contingency procedure in event of U-2 shoot down.  
(a) SAC to inform SecDef of "any deviation"  
in flight pattern tract. SecDef to inform President  
[redacted] from event. Defense to  
maintain capacity for reaction within [redacted] of  
event for air strike [redacted] against SAM site,  
hopefully specific site shoot down. In President's  
absence Sec Def authorized to act only if fact of  
U-2 shoot down by SAM is clear. Further consideration  
to be given widening attack on SAM if further shoot  
down. SecDef to consider intercept of air transport  
from Cuba and inform President if flights of  
particular significance occur.

7) Problem

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- 7) Problem of leave time and logistic supply for Cuban invasion plan: [REDACTED] Action: DOD. Possibility of permitting foreign flags in inner coastal waters to relieve US ships. Action: Justice
- 8) Six low level recon flights this morning. No press comment by State. Manning informed.
- 9) Dispersal of south Florida airfield activity. Action: Defense to study.
10. Communications Committee to report to President tomorrow. Weisner, Chairman. Orrick informed. *Kuen*
11. President's Brazil trip cancelled. ARA informed.
12. Study of proposal to permit Soviet inspection of contents of surface convoys into Berlin. Nitze group. State action: Hillenbrand.
13. Working party on thinking ahead. State member: Rostow and G/PM. Both informed.

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